

THE MANUFACTURE OF PANAMA HATS

With Panama hats in such unprecedented demand as they are this season, it is not surprising that much has been written concerning them.

The plant from which is obtained the material of which the hats are made is commonly called the "Panama hat palm," although botanists do not find it under the head of palms, classifying it under the name cycadaceae. The botanical name of the plant is *Cordia alliodora*. The South American natives call it *palma de paja*. It is indigenous to parts of Ecuador, Colombia, Peru, Brazil and Central America.

Right here it may be well to define certain terms that have been used by writers in connection with this subject, and which have appeared in advertisements in the daily papers, without their meaning being clear.

The word *Jipijara* is the name of an interior town in Ecuador, and the natives in that part of the country commonly speak of the Panama hat as the *Jipijara* hat. Another word that has been frequently used is *Mamab*. This is the name of a province in Ecuador, and Mamab hat is also synonymous with Panama hat. In Spanish the word *hato* means a large estate, and some exceedingly fine hats come from there.

The statements that Panama hats are woven under water, or that the very fine ones are woven only by one light, are characterized as incorrect by a man who has all his life been engaged as a hat maker in the Panama hat trade, and who has not only seen the hats made, but has made Panama hats himself.

It is true that the hats are woven in the early morning hours when the atmosphere is damp, as the heat of the sun makes the fiber brittle and unfit for manipulation. At night the hat is hung out in the open air, where it absorbs the dew, and in the next day again in condition to be worked. This accounts for the great length of time required in the hat making, one of the very fine grades requiring upwards of three and a half months to produce.

The hat is woven on a loom which is held between the knees of the operator. Although some of the very coarse hats are woven on the knee of the native too poor to own a hat loom, these women and children among the native Indians are engaged in the weaving of the hats. To the children is turned only the making of the coarse grades, and the youngsters become more skillful from year to year until some of them become experts capable of making the exceedingly fine hats. Those who have long been engaged in the handling of Panama hats know from a glance at the bottom, from what locality the hat comes. The bottom is the little central portion of the crown of the hat at which point the weaving begins and extends outward toward the edge.

While a great deal has been written about \$100 and \$250 hats, it must be remembered that these are few in number. When one takes into consid-

eration that a broken straw or a straw not matching in color the rest of the hat, or a knot showing makes the hat defective, it will be realized that there cannot be many of these extremely fine hats produced. The finishing of the hat is an operation requiring much skill, because each of the overlapping leaves has to be neatly turned back into the edge of the crown and trimmed off.

Of course, most people in the trade are by this time aware that the Panama hats are not made in Panama at all. The great majority of the hats made in Peru and Ecuador find their way to Guayaquil, whence they are shipped to Panama, and, after crossing the isthmus, are shipped from Colon. This is not true of the hats made in Colombia, many of which are shipped from Cartagena or Savannah.

The great market and distributing point for Panama hats is Havana, and it is an interesting and curious fact that most of the Panama hats sold in New York go from South America to Havana via the United States in transit. This is because of the fact that the steamers do not deviate from their regular routes. Recently, however, some shipments of hats have been landed in the United States without going to Havana and then back again. The staple shape, so popular in the United States, is not seen in Havana nor South American countries—Men's Wear.

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STORY OF A PANAMA HAT.

The men looked hang-dog and guilty. He walked up the steps of his home with his shoulders sort of hunched forward.

There was a furtive, hunted expression on his face. On his head there was a \$20 Panama. He had paid \$20 for it that afternoon.

During all his previous married life he had been making himself to ride of the \$25 brand.

But he had been aching and hungering for this \$20 top-piece, and in a moment of recklessness he had bought it for himself.

He knew that when he broke the news to his wife there would be something going, and quick, at that.

It made no difference that he had bought her to a \$25 spring hat only a month or so ago.

But he had firmly made up his mind on the way up in the car that he'd boldly tell her that he'd dug \$20 for the hat, and take what was coming to him.

She was upstairs when he let himself in the front door. He looked himself at her as he heard her descending the stairs. He felt that his time was coming pretty swift. As she got to the bottom

of the stairs, however, all of his nerve faded out.

"Why, what a pretty hat!" she exclaimed, picking the hat off the rack as she reached the hall. "How much?"

It was new or never with him.

It was the chance of his life to answer himself and make a stab at picking it up and running away with it.

But his knees shook beneath him and the hot blood began to rear from his forehead.

"Three—four—five!" he counted, weakly, and then he tried to get it right.

He was so nervous that he had to throw up all food, could retain nothing on his stomach. He bought one bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge, and it brought up 129 worms from the child.

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HE DID NOT GO HOME WITH HER.

The peculiar ways of the American girl are little by little winning recognition, even admiration, throughout the world. The time was when in continental European cities she was not to be seen in broad daylight whenever she happened to be out alone. Now she is generally understood to be safe until twilight. By and by, if a lady is to be trusted that came in here in a steamer from Italy, she will be named at midnight.

A particularly tall and fine looking young woman who was going home at twilight in Florence, was spoken to by a young army officer. He was perhaps under rather than over the rather disquieting stature of the Italian, and he wore a monocle. He asked her if he might go home with her. She stopped short and looked him over from head to foot. Then she said:

"Yes, of course—if you are afraid to go home alone."

Then she stood and faced him until he went off around the nearest corner.

—New York Times.

CHOLERA INFANTUM.

This has long been regarded as one of the most dangerous and fatal diseases in which infants are subject. It can be cured, however, when properly treated. All that is necessary is to give Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and castor oil, as directed with each bottle, and a cure is certain. For sale by Elvey & Hulbert, Druggists.

IN 1910.

Hiram (crying out)—Great goodness, Maudie, it's raining cats and dogs! Maudie—Oh, dear! I'll bet anything that one or two thin ships that were carrying the circus has blown up.—Town Topics.

HIS SOCIETY EXPENSIVE

The doors of the government hospital for the insane near Washington opened the other day to admit the only man ever entertained by the United States as a guest of the nation for nearly six weeks, who made his last pay day \$500 a day in solid cash for the privilege of his society.

This man was Robert Kilbourne, who in the early '70s, was a well known land agent and speculator in Washington and a member of what was then styled the district real estate ring, but would now probably be recognized by a public improvement committee.

Members of the house of representatives engaged in investigating some of the acts of the combination subpoenaed him as a witness and a number of certain information contained in the private books of his firm. He refused to furnish it, and by a vote of the house he was arrested by the U. S. marshal, John G. Thompson, and locked up for confinement.

Kilbourne carried his case to the courts, and declared that he was clearly within his rights in refusing to answer the questions put to him. His release occurred about forty days after his arrest. In the interval, though quarantined most of the time in the district jail, he faced shamelessly at the expense of the house contingent fund, taking excursions about the paying social visits in a carriage—always, of course, accompanied by an accompanying officer, being served with the delicacies of the season three times a day from the house restaurant, and a dinner parties in his friends, and generally killing time after the manner of a gentleman of elegant leisure rather than a captive in duress.

Still, as he expressed in his feelings, he was seriously wounded, and the party who wounded them must be compelled to apply the salve of a fat sum in damages. So he sued Mr. Thompson for \$100,000. The district attorney, aided by private counsel specially retained, made a strenuous fight for the defense, but the jury returned a verdict for \$100,000. The judge was provoked, though himself a subscriber to Kilbourne's exploits, declared the amount excessive, and on the government's motion set the verdict aside and granted a new trial. This time Kilbourne was awarded \$60,000. Again the government appealed, and the second judge set that verdict aside. At the third trial the verdict was for \$27,500, and the judge who presided said that the award was still in the opinion, excessive, the litigation had already consumed some years and tired everybody out, so he would suggest as a compromise that judgment be entered for \$20,000 and both sides pay costs. The advice was followed, and the house of representatives paid the judgment against its members' pockets, and he carried only modest expenses.

The case had several curious features, which looked upon Mr. Kilbourne, the licensee, and no objection to shaving his head, and after his release made free with the facts and figures they contained, he happily insisted that the house of representatives could not force him to pay him the compensatory value of his society. He had long been the good friend of Thompson, who he sued, and their litigation did not impair their friendship. Finally, some of the men who took the most active part in throwing him into jail and trying to keep him there were out of order of his case being brought back on the table, and a number of other signs of mutual enlightenment three or four years ago, and went into retreat for awhile, but was discharged as restored, and his friends hope that his present attack may likewise yield to treatment.—Boston Transcript.

Years of suffering resulted in a night, finding pills yield at once to the curative properties of Doan's Ointment. Never fails. At any drug store, 50 cents.

MAD DOG.

A dog goes trotting down the street. "He's mad, he's mad!" they cry. The owner may be told and even his aspirations high.

He may be out to take the air. But seven women see him there, where The minister saunters by.

He pauses, wondering what is wrong. "He's mad, he's mad!" they shout. A fool or two now comes along.

And wildly dance about. The children in their corner back—"Mad dog! Mad dog!" the women call. The culprit looks at each and all.

And backs away in doubt. A boy with one suspender on runs in and throws a brick. A fitted man comes over a lawn.

Armed with an ugly stick. The gathering headlines wildly whop. The dog permits his tail to droop.

And, turning, tries to loop the loop. Upon the double quick. They chase him through a vacant lot. They raise the hue and cry.

And now and then a random shot. Makes them and gravel it. Wild-eyed, he runs with all his might. And, nearly dead with sudden fright.

He hears them yell: "He's mad; he's mad!" And vaguely wonders why.

A dog lies dead beside the track. One foot is shot away. Another better broke his back—There's little more to say.

A score of trembling mothers raise their eyes to heaven, giving praise to "Him who in mysterious ways Has shown His love this day."—Chicago Record Herald.

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